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**REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 22, 2014**  
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The North Providence School Committee met on October 22, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Cataldi, Mrs. Picard, Mr. Palmieri, Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Andreozzi. Also present were Superintendent Smith, Ms. Jacques, Mr. McNamee, Dr. Carson, Mr. Wright and Mr. Henneous.

The open session convened at 7:30 p.m.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

**II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

The Chair led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and a moment

of silence.

**III. CHAIR TO REPORT OUT ANY VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECEIVE MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION+ MINUTES PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF RIGL 42-46-(4) & (5).**

**The Chair reported that no votes were taken in Executive Session.**

#### **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

**No correspondence was received.**

**The Chair moved the Superintendent's Report up on the Agenda**

#### **VI. Superintendent's Report.**

##### **1. Superintendent's Report.**

##### **c. 2014 National Blue Ribbon Award.**

**Superintendent Smith read a letter from Arnie Dunkin, Secretary of Education, Washington, DC in Recognition of Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing School to the Stephen Olney School as a Blue Ribbon School. Members of the Stephen Olney School Staff, Faculty and Principal, Arthur Corsini were presented with citations**

**and offered congratulations.**

**The Committee took a 5-minute recess to allow members of the audience to leave if necessary.**

**a. RISCA.**

**Superintendent Smith read correspondence from the Association that Ana Holland was elected President of the Association and offering congratulations to Ms. Holland.**

**b. Gay/Straight Alliance – Deanna Parrillo.**

**Superintendent Smith announced that this month, the Gay/Straight Alliance gave a presentation. Deanna Parrillo, facilitator of the Alliance at the North Providence High School, spoke about the group. She also spoke about the mission statement to celebrate diversity. Mr. Ramos spoke about the statistics regarding LGBT bullying. Two members of the GSA spoke about their experiences as members of the GSA. Ms. Parrillo also spoke about some of the events that the GSA promotes during the school year.**

**d. History Day Update – Carol Catone.**

**Ms. Catone gave a brief update on the three teams of students who will participate in History Day as well as**

**Next, Birchwood School History Day Update – There are 15 students who have shown interest in History Day.**

**Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and the entire Committee to approve the History Day stipend at Ricci and Birchwood Middle School and to have students who participate in History Day make presentations to the Committee.**

**Members of the Committee offered comments regarding the History Day participation update.**

**e. Grading Update Presentation – Lisa Jacques.**

**First, Mrs. Picard spoke about her request to get clarification as to grading practices. She commended Superintendent Smith and her grading team for the work they put into the grading practices for grades K-5 and gave an update as to the progress in the area of grading practices. She urged the parents to continue to give feedback regarding their children's growth. Next, Ms. Jacques spoke about the grading practices and the Skyward report card system. She also spoke about the 4,3,2,1 scoring system and gave a brief explanation about each category in the assessment system. She also spoke about the Parent Night Expos. Members of the Committee asked questions and offered comments.**

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 6-13.**

**No Public Comments were received.**

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **2. Monthly Financial Report.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Monthly Financial Report as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Monthly Financial Report as submitted.**

### **3. Home Schooling.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Home Schooling Request(s) as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Palmieri to approve the Home Schooling Request(s) as submitted. Mr. Cataldi and Mrs. Picard voted nay to the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 2.**

#### **4. Field Trips.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Field Trip Requests as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Field Trip(s) request as submitted.**

#### **5. Safety Plan.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Safety Plan as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Safety Plan as submitted.**

#### **. 6. Removal of Textbooks from Inventory.**

**Superintendent Smith asked for the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the removal of textbooks from the inventory as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the removal of textbooks from the inventory as submitted.**

#### **7. Authorization for Electric & Gas Rate Contracts.**

**Superintendent Smith turned the meeting over to Mr. McNamee to explain the contracts for Electric and Gas Rates. Mr. McNamee gave a brief explanation as to the options regarding the contracts. He recommended entering into a 2 or 3 year contract for Electric Rates. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve entering into an Electric & Gas Rate Contract based on Mr. McNamee's recommendation.**

#### **8. Removal of Electronic Equipment from Inventory.**

**Superintendent Smith asked for the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the removal of Electronic Equipment from the inventory as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve the removal of electronic equipment from the inventory as submitted.**

#### **9. Class of 2016 Winter Ball Contract.**

**Superintendent Smith asked for the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Class of 2016 Winter Ball Contract as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Class of 2016 Winter Ball Contract as submitted.**

#### **10. Job Description.**

**Superintendent Smith asked for the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Job Description as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Job Description as submitted.**

## **VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

**There were no School Committee Reports.**

## **VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE.**

### **1. Parent Communication In Relation to Websites – Mrs. Picard.**

**Mrs. Picard spoke about comments from parents with regard to things they would like to see through the website. She spoke about focusing on criteria for the website.**

### **2. Grading Practices – Mrs. Picard.**

**This matter was already addressed.**

### **3. Bus Camera Discussion – Mr. Andreozzi.**

**Mr. Andreozzi spoke about discussion regarding the school bus**



cameras contract. He spoke about the \$9,200.00 in funds that the Town received which Mr. McNamee recouped from the Town. Mr. Andreozzi spoke about looking into a contract to put cameras on the inside of the middle and high school buses using the funds received from the cameras contract. Motion by Mr. Andreozzi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to approve looking into a contract to put cameras on the inside of the middle and high school buses using the funds received from the cameras contract.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Bids.**

No bids were received.

### **2. Resignations.**

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the resignation(s) as submitted. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to approve the resignation(s) as submitted.

### **3. Retirement(s).**

No retirements were received.

#### **4. Leaves of Absence.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Leaves of Absence Requests as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Leaves of Absence as submitted.**

#### **5. Layoff(s)/Non-Renewal(s)**

**No Layoff(s)/Non-Renewal(s) were received.**

#### **6. Appointments.**

**Superintendent Smith read the list of proposed Appointments and asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the Appointments as submitted. Superintendent Smith read the list of appointments. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to accept the appointments as submitted. Appointees were asked to stand to receive applause and congratulations.**

#### **7. Layoff Recision(s).**

**No Layoff Recision(s) were received.**

## **8. Displacements.**

**No Displacements were received.**

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## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

**No Old Business was received.**

## **XI. USE OF PROPERTY**

**No Use of Property Requests were received.**

## **XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve the List of Bills as presented.**

## **XIII. APPROVAL OF FUNDRAISERS.**

**No Requests for Fundraisers were received.**

### **XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Open Session Minutes of the September 24, 2014 School Committee Meeting as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve and seal the Minutes of the September 24, 2014 School Committee Executive Session as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 13.**

**No public comments were received.**

### **XV. PENDING BUSINESS**

**No pending business was discussed.**

### **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Margie Caranci**

**Recording Secretary of the North Providence  
School Committee**

**Date Submitted to the Committee: November 14, 2014**

**Date Approved by the Committee: November 19, 2014**